

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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The County serves an intermediary role between contracted service providers and the State for AB 3632 mental health services for Severely Emotional Disturbed (SED) children. The SB 90 reimbursement process was designed to enable local government to recover funding from the State for mandated programs. This Board approved multi-year Mental Health Service Agreements, including contract amendments, with Non-Governmental Agencies (NGA) with language referencing that based on the 1984 California Legislature enactment of AB 3632, the County intends to expand existing AB 3632 mental health services for SED students by assisting providers in obtaining SB 90 funds to offset the cost of these services.

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At this time, per a Fiscal Year 2000-01 preliminary settlement process, the Department of Mental Health owes NGA providers \$4.2 million in SB 90 claims for Fiscal Year 2000-01, and another \$10.2 million for Fiscal Year 2001-02. The State's lapse in payment does not allow the County to pass through SB 90 payments to NGA providers, creating a multi-year cash flow problem for NGA providers which is leading to a potential interruption in AB 3632 mental health services rendered to the County's SED beneficiaries.

Given the potential impact to NGA providers, it is essential that the County take immediate action to address this situation to assist these providers in any way possible. A partial solution would be for the Department of Mental Health to identify unspent and/or additional unallocated funds and redirect these funds so payments can be made to NGA providers for their SB 90 claims.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer, Auditor-Controller, and the Director of Mental Health to report back with recommendations on redirecting unspent and/or additional unallocated funds for SB 90 payments to Non-Governmental Agencies for Fiscal Years 2000-01 and 2001-02 claims.

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